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Re: US Application 10/615,117 (APLE.P0035)
Dear Examiner An,

Thank you for the Notice of Allowance dated 10/27/2005. In reviewing our files and PAIRS in preparation of the issue fee payment, which is due 1/27/06, we noticed that some of the references that were submitted in the IDS dated 10/25/05 are not initialized.

Before we pay the issue fee, we want to be sure that the references that were submitted in the IDS dated 10/25/05 have in fact been considered. Accordingly, please initialize these references if they have been considered. A copy of the IDS is attached for your reference. If these references have not been considered, we respectfully request that they be considered.

Additionally, we note that the drawings have not been formerly accepted. We would greatly appreciate if you would formally accept the drawings.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to give us a call at the number below.

Sincerely

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